



Mississippi Medial Radiation Advisory Council

Minutes

November 2, 2016

Members

Dr. Linda Johnson Dunigan
Paula Young, R.T.
Georgeine M. Conner, R.T.
J. Nicole Hutson Smith, ARRT

Absent Members

Dr. Srivivasan Vijayakumar
Dr. David B. Wheat
Joyce Brewer, Ph.D., RN
Veeresh Michael, M.S.
J. Michael Ketchum, R.T.


MSDH Staff

F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
D. Robinson

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was not established.
2. The minutes from January 30, 2013, December 2, 2015, and May 18, 2016, meetings were reviewed. The minutes will be submitted for approval and adoption at the next Council meeting.
3. Ms. Morrow presented a set of draft Council Bylaws for review. She requested the members email recommendations and questions to her. The Bylaws will be submitted for approval and adoption at the next Council meeting.
4. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that there are two vacant positions on the Council (the family physician and the nurse practitioner members). Ms. Morrow has contacted the nominating entities and has requested that nominations be submitted to the Department by October for the January Board of Health meeting.
5. Ms. Morrow informed the Council as to why the following statement was reentered into the Exemptions section of the regulations, i.e., "...a student enrolled in and participating in an accredited course of study for diagnostic radiologic technology, nuclear medicine technology or radiation therapy and is employed by a physician's office, radiology clinic or a licensed hospital in Mississippi and applies ionizing radiation under the specific

direction of a licensed practitioner.” The amended Regulations have been filed with the Secretary of State’s office.

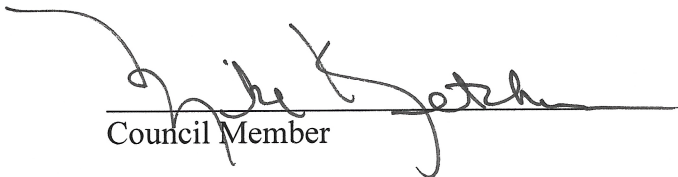
6. Mr. Simkins informed the Council of a new MSDH policy whereby the licensing regulations and licensing laws must be reviewed on a routine basis. The Professional Licensure Division will begin reviews of selected regulations and laws in January 2017.
7. Hope Ladner, a lobbyist with The Clay Firm, presented suggested changes to the licensing regulations that would reflect changes that were made to the MRT statute during the 2016 Legislative Session. The suggested changes to the Regulations are for clarification and alignment with the statute. Ms. Smith suggested clarification should also be considered regarding the definition of a “Nuclear Medicine Technologist” (NMT) particularly as it pertains to the use of hybrid equipment. Ms. Smith will submit a reworked definition of an NMT to Ms. Ladner and the Department for review and consideration.
8. The next meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
9. Mr. Simkins adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.



MSDH Representative

19 July 17

Date



Council Member